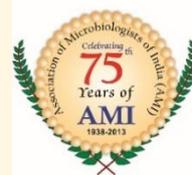




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Association of Microbiologists of India



66th Annual International Conference and Research Conclave of Association of Microbiologists of India

on

**"Next-Gen Microbiology Education, Innovation & Research for
Economy, Energy & Environment"**

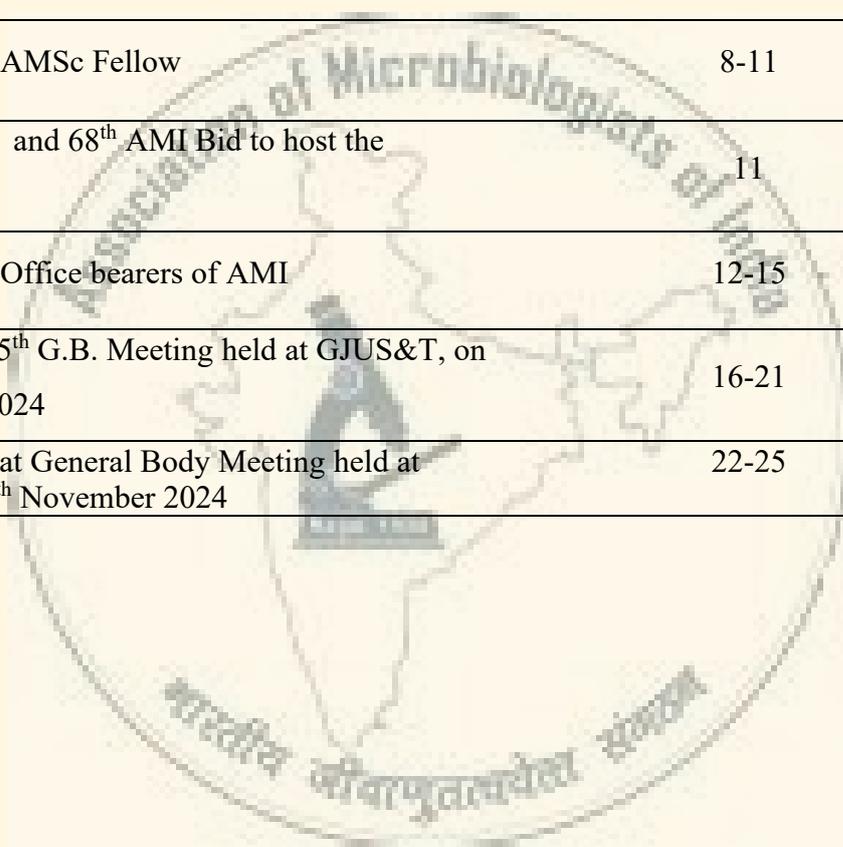
November 12-15, 2025

First Circular-2025

**Dev Bhoomi Uttarakhand University, Chakrata Road Navgaon,
Manduwala, Dehradun, Uttarakhand -248007, India**

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ASSOCIATION OF MICROBIOLOGISTS OF INDIA

From the General Secretary Desk

Dear Esteemed Members,

Greetings from the Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI)!

With great pleasure, I invite you for the 66th Annual International Conference of AMI, to be held from **12th to 15th November 2025** at **Dev Bhoomi University, Dehradun**. We are excited to announce that this prestigious event is being organized in the serene foothills of the Himalayas and look forward to your enthusiastic participation.



AMI Established in **1938**, AMI is now in its **86th year** of rich legacy as one of India's most reputed and active academic societies. Over the decades, AMI has consistently advanced the frontiers of microbiological sciences through **scientific research promotion, academic exchange, education outreach, national and international conferences, international collaborations**, and capacity-building workshops. It also plays a vital role in shaping microbiology education in the country, including its **significant contribution in framing a uniform microbiology curriculum across Indian universities**.

We take this opportunity to **warmly welcome all new members** who have recently joined AMI. You are now part of a vibrant and growing scientific community committed to excellence in microbiology and related life sciences.

The upcoming 66th conference builds on the tremendous success of the **65th Annual AMI Conference and School Conclave** held at **Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar**, in 2024. The event, themed "*Perspectives of Microbes for Human Welfare*", was a major scientific and societal milestone. One of the highlights was the **School Conclave**, where the session on "*Child-Centric Microbiology (Science for Society)*" was introduced to inspire young students and promote microbial literacy at an early age—reflecting AMI's dedication to nurturing the next generation of microbiologists.

AMI has also played a crucial role in **identifying and honoring emerging and established talent** through a range of **prestigious awards**, travel fellowships, and student recognitions that celebrate excellence and innovation in microbiology.

We urge all members to regularly visit the official AMI website (<https://www.amiindia.info>) for updates on travel fellowships, ID card issuance, upcoming events, and abstract submissions. Please ensure your profile and contact details are up to date.

The 66th AMI Conference at Dev Bhoomi University promises to provide an intellectually stimulating and collaborative environment with **plenary lectures, thematic symposia, student sessions, poster presentations, and outreach activities**. We invite your active participation and contributions to make this scientific gathering impactful and inclusive.

We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to welcoming you at Dehradun in November 2025.
With warm regards,

Prof. Namita Singh,

General Secretary, AMI
Department of Biotechnology, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar-125001, Haryana, INDIA
91-9416928883 E-mail: gsami2020@gmail.com
Website: www.amiindia.info

ASSOCIATION OF MICROBIOLOGISTS OF INDIA

66th Annual International Conference of AMI

November 12-15, 2025

A. First Circular

Dear Member(s),

This is indeed our pleasure to inform you that the **66th Annual Conference of AMI** will be organized from **November 12th-15th, 2025 at the Dev Bhoomi Uttarakhand University, Dehradun-248007, India (info@dbuu.ac.in)**. You are cordially invited to attend the **66th Annual Conference of AMI** and participate in various scientific deliberations and AMI activities. Abstracts of the papers for presentation are to be prepared in short, not exceeding 300 words and indicating the name of the author presenting the paper. The posters are to be prepared strictly according to the size, the details of which will be informed in the Second Circular by the **Organizing Secretary of the 66th Annual Conference of AMI**. The details about last date for submitting the abstracts and registration fee will be notified in the second circular. For further detailed information, please contact the Organizing Secretary at the address given below.

Dates of the Conference: November 12-15, 2025

Theme of the Conference: 66th Annual International Conference and research Conclave of Association of microbiologists of India on-

"Next-Gen Microbiology Education, Innovation & Research for Economy, Energy & Environment"

Convenor & Organizing Secretary

Prof. Nabeel Ahmad

Dean-Research & Innovation,
Dev Bhoomi Uttarakhand University,
Dehradun

nabeel.biotech@gmail.com

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Joint-Organizing Secretary

Dr. Nirjara Singhvi

Assistant Professor
Dev Bhoomi Uttarakhand University,
Dehradun

AMI AWARDS 2025 NOTIFICATION

It is to notify that the AMI is inviting nominations on prescribed Performa for the following awards before **31st July, 2025 (05:00 PM)**. These awards will be awarded during **66th Annual Conference of AMI**

1. **AMSc FELLOW**
2. **AMI- DR. G B MANJREKAR AWARD**
3. **AMI-B.N. JOHRI AWARD**
4. **DR. R S RANA (BEST POSTER AWARD)**
5. **AMI-DR. J V BHATT AWARD**
6. **AMI- DR MANVIKA SAHGAL MEMORIAL (BEST POSTER AWARD)**
7. **AMI-BEST UNIT AWARD**
8. **YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD**
 1. YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD (AGRICULTURAL MICROBIOLOGY)
 2. YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD (MOLECULAR MICROBIOLOGY)
 3. YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD (MEDICAL AND VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGY)
 4. YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD (DAIRY AND FOOD MICROBIOLOGY)
 5. YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD (INDUSTRIAL MICROBIOLOGY)
 6. YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD (ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY)
9. **AMI-KK DADARWAL MEMORIAL LECTURE**
10. **AMI-TRAVEL GRANT TO STUDENTS (to attend the AMI annual conference).**
11. **AMI-TRAVEL GRANT TO THE RETD. SENIOR AMI- LM (to attend the AMI annual conference)**

Detail of these awards, application and nomination form can be viewed on AMI web page link (<https://amiindia.info/award.php>). Application/nominations received after the closing date or not in prescribed format will be summarily rejected without any prejudice. Nomination must reach on or before the closing date to

Professor Namita Singh,

General Secretary, The Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI), Department of Biotechnology, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar-125001, Haryana, India Email: gs2020ami@gmail.com

Fellow of Academy of Microbiological Sciences (FAMSc.):

The fellowship nominations are invited for election of Fellow of Academy of Microbiological Sciences (FAMSc.), earlier called as FAMI, for the year 2022. The closing date of the nominations is **31st July 2025** Details of this application and nomination form can be viewed on AMI web page link (<https://amiindia.info/iams.php>).

Nomination must reach on or before the closing date to

Prof. R.C. Kuhad,

Chairman, Academy of Microbiological Sciences,

Email: Kuhadamsc2015@gmail.com; convener.academy2017@gmail.com; kuhad85@gmail.com;

and

Professor Namita Singh,

General Secretary, The Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI), Department of Biotechnology, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar-125001, Haryana, India Email: gs2020ami@gmail.com

Sd/

PROF. NAMITA SINGH

GS-AMI

ENDST. No.: AMI/GS/2025/-06

Dated: 12/05/2025

AWARD NOMINATION FORM

We, the Life members of Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI) would like to propose

Name :

Date of Birth :

Position :

Address :

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for the AMI , AMI Life Time Achievement Award/AMI Dr. GB Manjrekar Award/AMI Prof. BN Johri Award/AMI Young Scientist Award in the area (Agriculture Microbiology, Industrial Microbiology, Environmental Microbiology, Medical and Veterinary Microbiology, Molecular Microbiology and Biotechnology, Dairy and Food Microbiology)/ Fellow of AMSc/AMI-Travel grant to students/Retd Senior AMI -LM (to attend the AMI annual conference) Awards for the year 2025 (**must check whichever is applicable**).

Proposer Seconder

Signature: Signature:

Name: Name

Address: Address:

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Date:..... Date:

Station:..... Station:

INSTRUCTIONS

The soft copy of the nomination as a single PDF file should be send by email at gs2020ami@gmail.com and one printed copy + the soft copy on a CD submitted by speed post to the address: Professor Namita Singh, GENERAL SECRETARY, THE ASSOCIATION OF MICROBIOLOGISTS OF INDIA (AMI), Department of Biotechnology, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar-125001, Haryana, India.

DEADLINE: 31st July, 2025

PART I: BIODATA OF THE NOMINEE

1. Name:
2. Designation:
3. Date of birth: Age on 31st July 2025 years ... months..... days
4. Nationality:
5. Membership no. of AMI:
6. Official address (with telephone, Mobile and email):
7. Residential address:
8. Educational qualifications (in chronological order from degree onwards):
9. Professional experience (in chronological order):
10. Research and teaching experience (years only):
11. Area of R&D and specialization:
12. Publications (mention here numbers only and attach the full list)
 - i) Patents
 - ii) Books:
 - iii) Chapters in the Books:
 - iv) Research Papers (SCI journal only) :
 - v) Poster/oral/abstract in conferences/symposia:
13. Awards/honors/distinctions (attach separate sheet):
14. List five most important publications and attach reprints (attach separate sheet, if necessary). Indicate impact factor of the paper's publication.
15. Contribution made by the nominee to strengthen the AMI.

PART II: PROOFS AND DETAILS OF ACHIEVEMENTS

To be filled by the nominee/proposer (must see and follow the instructions to fill the columns) **Each claim MUST be supported by relevant document, failing which that would not be considered**

S. No.	Credentials	Proof enclosure no/ Flag No
1.	Patents	
2.	Papers published/accepted in SCI journals	
3.	Book chapters in books	
4.	Awards (International/ National)	
5.	Fellow of national/international academies/societies	
6.	Thesis supervised (degree awarded only)	
7.	Best paper/poster award- National/international conference	
8.	Editor of book published	
9.	Author of book published	
10.	Editorial board member of SCI journal	
11.	Fellowships/Professorship any other international organization/university	
12.	Fellowship/scholarship/grants/awards to attend international conference/workshop/symposium	
13.	NET/GATE / DBT/ICMR/ICAR qualification to do PhD	
14.	Technologies transferred to industries	
15.	Google scholar Citation of the nominee's work	

**Without flags in hard copy, documents will not be entertained.*

This is to certify the information and proofs given in this nomination form are correct.

Date: -----

Date: -----

Signature of the applicant/nominee

Signature by the proposer

For office use only			
Name			
File No.		Section	

Academy of Microbiological Sciences, India

Nomination format for Election of Fellows

PART – A

The undersigned Fellows of the Academy of Microbiological Sciences / Life members (minimum 10 years) of AMI propose and second

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(Name of the candidate in capital letters)

as a candidate for election as a Fellow of the Academy. His/her candidature may be considered in Section

(Mention the Number and Title of the Section as given under the guidelines)

Certified that the nominee has made outstanding contributions to Microbiological Sciences, based on our personal knowledge

Proposer

Name	
Signature	
Date	

Seconder

Name	
Signature	
Date	

PART – B

Significant Achievements of the Nominee

Brief statement of the most significant research contributions of the nominee for circulation to the Fellowship.
(To be typed clearly within the space provided)

Name of the nominee: (Surname followed by given name)	Date of birth: -----
Designation & Address: (last post held, if retired)	

Special attainments of the nominee based on the 10 best publications listed in B(1A) and/or **10 most important process or products developed using microbiological system** listed in B(2); indicate their impact for the advancement of microbiology and/or policy formulation, supported by relevant documents. (maximum 150 words)

Signatures

Proposer

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(2) List of 10 most important Products/Process and platform Technologies/Patents granted /Applied by the nominee

(1) List 10 most important research publications, in chronological order. For each publication, give name(s) of the author(s), indicate the corresponding author by ‘*’ after his/her name, year of publication, full title of the paper, name of the journal, volume No. and page Nos.

S. No.	Details of Publications in the format given above	Average Impact Factor (5 yrs)	Number of Citations
A	Impact factor of ten publication IF >10 = 5 Marks IF >5 = 4.5 Marks IF > 3 = 4 Marks IF >1 = 2 Marks IF < 1 =1 Mark	Total 50 marks	
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B	Detail publication list for last Five years 20 publications = 10 Marks 10 publication = 5 Marks Five publications = 2 Marks	Total 10 marks	

S. No	Details of Product/Technology (Also write in one bullet point its impact in terms of adoption, commercialization and revenue generated)	Patent No./Country of patent Release/notification details Commercialization	Marking by the Sectional Committee
	Product /technology/process 2X5 =10 marks Patents 1X5 = 5 marks		Total 15 marks
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(3) Technology transfer for commercialization

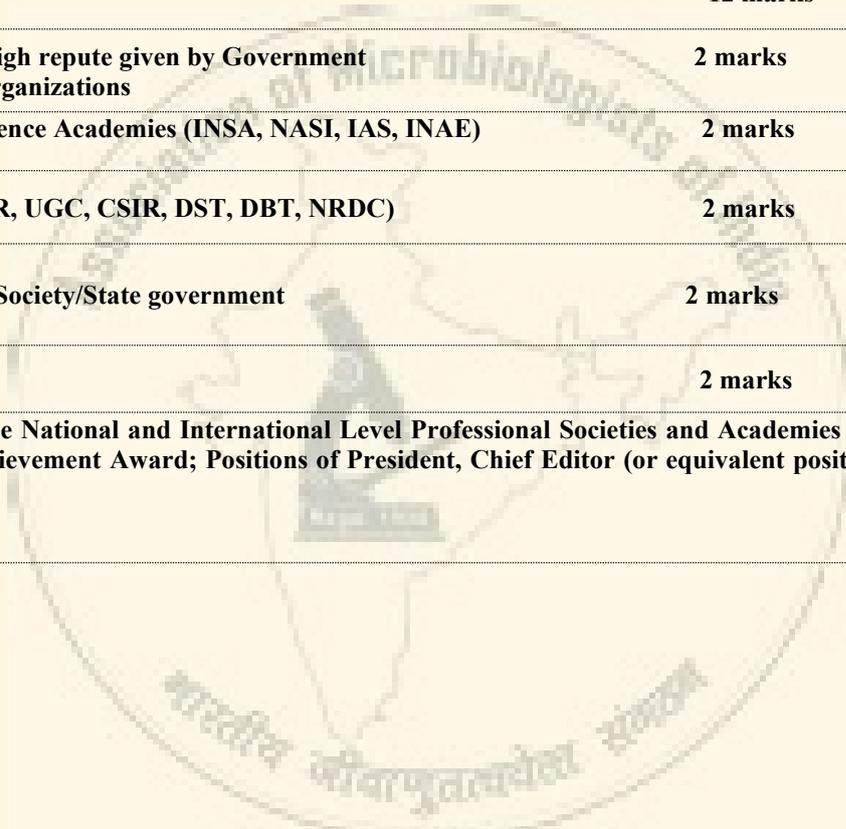
S. No.	Authors	Title	Year	Patent No./ Country	Marking by the Sectional Committee
	Technology Transfer	2X 4 = 8			8 marks
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3.					
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(4) Books/Books chapter (Maximum five)

S. No.	Authors	Title	Year of publication	Original/ Edited	Publisher	Marking by the Sectional Committee
						One mark for each books 1X5 = 5 marks 5 marks

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2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						

(5) Awards & honours	12 marks
International Awards of high repute given by Government or Inter-Governmental Organizations	2 marks
Fellowship of National Science Academies (INSA, NASI, IAS, INAE)	2 marks
National Awards (by ICAR, UGC, CSIR, DST, DBT, NRDC)	2 marks
Awards from recognized Society/State government	2 marks
Institutional Awards	2 marks
Awards/Recognition by the National and International Level Professional Societies and Academies (not covered above) (Fellowship; Lifetime Achievement Award; Positions of President, Chief Editor (or equivalent position), and Secretary)	2 marks



NOTIFICATION

Invitation of bids to host the 67th & 68th Annual Conference of AMI

In order to plan in advance, CC in its meeting on 13th November, 2024 and 10th May, 2025 decided to initiate steps for the hosting of the next annual conference of AMI and accordingly decided to invite bids for hosting the 67th (2026) & 68th (2027) Annual Conference of AMI scheduled to be held in the latter half of 2026 and 2027. All the registered units are requested to send their bid applications through their head of institutions/Vice Chancellor including theme of conference, tentative program and suggested dates for the conference. The bid application should also include basic facilities planned for the participants of the conference and other amenities for the venue. The complete application should be forwarded by the President of the Unit on or before 31st July 2025 to the address given below:

Prof. Namita Singh

General Secretary, AMI,

Department of Biotechnology, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology,

Hisar-125001, Haryana, India,

Phone-91-1262-393398; Cell-91-8813866019, 91-9431171157

Email: gsami2020@gmail.com

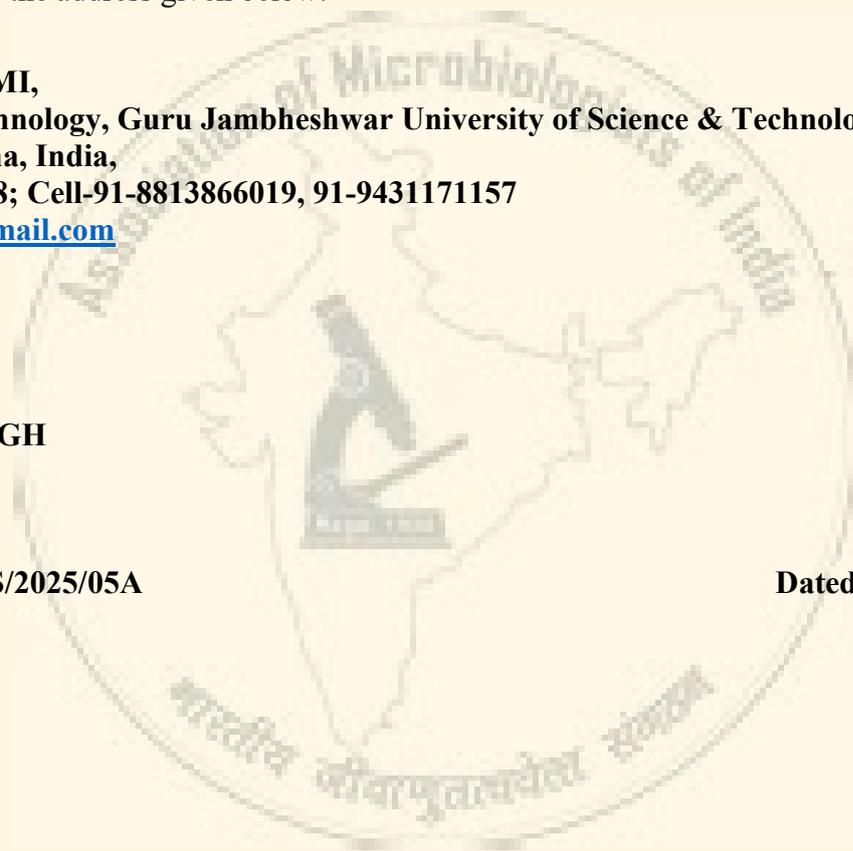
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PROF. NAMITA SINGH

GS-AMI

ENDST. No.: AMI/GS/2025/05A

Dated: 12/05/2025



NOTIFICATION AMI ELECTION 2025 NOMINATION

The General Secretary Association of Microbiologists of India (GS-AMI), on the recommendation of the AMI Central Council (AMI-CC) in its meeting held on **11th May 2025**, 10:00 AM (Online) is pleased to notify the schedule for the submission of nominations for the following office bearers of AMI as per the Rules and Regulations of the Association. AMI invites nominations for the following posts, with the submission deadlines mentioned against each post:

1. **President-Elect -2026**
2. **General Secretary-2026-2029**
3. **Treasurer- 2026-2029**
4. **CC members (05) from the AMI units which comes under the following zones for the 2026-2029**
 - a. **Zone I:** J&K; Himachal Pradesh; Punjab; Chandigarh; Uttarakhand; Ladakh
 - b. **Zone II:** Haryana; Delhi; Rajasthan
 - c. **Zone III:** Bihar; Jharkhand; West Bengal; Sikkim; Assam; Arunachala Pradesh; Nagaland; Meghalaya; Manipur; Mizoram; Sikkim; Tripura
 - d. **Zone IV:** Gujrat; Madhya Pradesh; Chhattisgarh; Orissa
 - e. **Zone V:** Maharashtra; Andhra Pradesh; Telangana; Goa; Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu

All eligible members are encouraged to submit their nominations within the specified timelines. For further details regarding the nomination process and eligibility criteria, please refer to the AMI Election Rules and Regulations.

Election schedule details are given below as per the AMI Rules:

Sr. No.	Schedule	Deadline / Time
1.	Updating of members' detail on the below-mentioned Google form link docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUZID11Xqq1KW6mOLxyKdzpvzDeYtWdVU3-HVskvqBds6pkg/viewform?usp=sf_link	June 1 st to 30 th June 2025 (Kindly ignore if you have already updated on the provided link)
2.	Submission of Nomination starts on Last date of submission of Nominations	1/07/2025 (09:00 AM) 31/07/2025 (05:00 PM)
3.	Scrutiny of applications, meeting of the scrutiny committee	02/08/2025 (11:00 AM)
4	Withdrawal of Nominations (Withdrawal should be sent preferably by email to the presiding officer, AMI Elections at gs2020ami@gmail.com)	16/08/2025 (Before 05:00 PM)
5	Declaration of the registered E- voters list based on registered members on above link of Google form	1/09/ 2025 (05:00 PM)
6.	E-Voting lines Activation	1- 10/10/ 2025
7.	Counting of E-Votes	11/10/ 2025
8.	Declaration of results	After CC meeting followed by GB meeting

INSTRUCTIONS

- i. All the Life members/Valid Annual members (Confirmed Life-membership registration before 31/07/2025 if not registered till today) are requested to please fill the above google form for the registration with Membership Number/ ID, Name, and Mobile number in the stipulated time, so that their ID is created for voting. Members who are already registered on google link last year and want any change in phone number or email please contact to GS on email gs2020ami@gmail.com with valid proof.
- ii. Only those members who update their details on or before **31st July, 2025** will be eligible to vote after the confirmation of their credentials by the election office.
- iii. The members' list will be uploaded to the website after confirming their credentials by the election office. Members may see the E-Voting using the E-Voting tutorial.
- iv. As per the resolution passed by the **GB in the meeting held on dated 22/9/2022**, the election will be conducted via online mode only. Members registered with Email, AMI-Membership ID, and Mobile number will be allowed for casting the vote, as the Password will be retrieved only from the registered **E-Mail** (From the above Google Link). All rights will be reserved with the **GS-AMI as RETURNING OFFICER** regarding disqualifying any voter/ cancellation of Vote if any discrepancy is found during the verification.

PROF. NAMITA SINGH

PRESIDING OFFICER / RETURNING OFFICER ASSOCIATION OF MICROBIOLOGISTS OF INDIA (AMI)

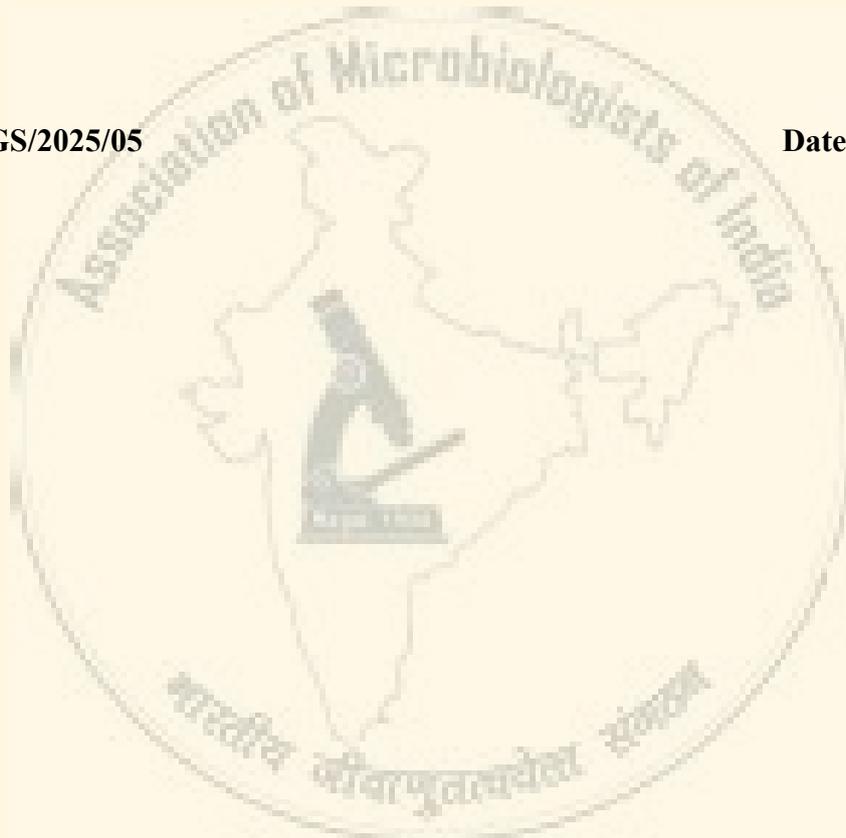
General Secretary Association of Microbiologists of India

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Website: www.amiindia.info

ENDST. No.: AMI/GS/2025/05

Dated: 12/05/2025



ASSOCIATION OF MICROBIOLOGISTS OF INDIA

FORMAT FOR NOMINATION FORM FOR THE POST OF

President-Elect-2026/General Secretary/Treasurer/CC members from zone I, II, III, IV and V
(Use the same format for sending nomination and see the rules of nomination on
<https://www.amiindia.info>)

We hereby propose the name of Prof./Dr./Mr./ Mrs. _____

For the post of President Elect-(2026)/General Secretary/Treasurer/CC members

Signature of the Proposer:

Name and Address in Block Letters:

Signature of the Seconder:

Name and Address in Block Letters:

Signature of the Seconder:

Name and Address in Block Letters:

CONSENT OF THE CANDIDATE

I agree to stand as a candidate to the office of President Elect-(2026)/ General Secretary/Treasurer/CC members of Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI) from the **zone I, II, III, IV and V**.

Name and Address in Block Letters:

BIODATA OF THE CANDIDATE: (Briefly highlight the academic and administration achievements)

The nominee for the above position should be a life member of at least 10 years standing or as annual member for at least 15 years continuous standing and have contributed to AMI. It is mandatory for President Elect should have contributed for AMI in any capacity (CC Member, GS, Treasurer, Editor-in-chief, Joint Secretary or AMI Unit President/Secretary/Treasurer). (Please send membership proof, brief write about your contribution (Mandatory) to AMI, Future plan of action etc.).

Nominations for above position duly proposed by FAMSc (earlier FAMI)/ Ex-President and seconded by two other members, who may be Life Members with 10 year standing, along with the consent of the candidate, shall be sent to:

Prof. Namita Singh,

**General Secretary, AMI,
Department of Biotechnology, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology,
Hisar-125001, Haryana, India
Phone-91-1262-393398; Cell-91-8813866019, 91-9431171157
Email: gsami2020@gmail.com**

DEADLINE: 31st July, 2025 (up to 5:00 PM)

Brief Notes:

- ❖ Incomplete applications and without the above format will be rejected.
- ❖ By signing this form the contesting AMI members should agree to abide the decisions made by CC and GB of AMI.
- ❖ As per AMI Rule, the election procedure or any matter related to the election to any position of AMI shall not be subjected to any judicial review.
- ❖ Canvassing in any form will be treated as disqualification.

ASSOCIATION OF MICROBIOLOGISTS OF INDIA

Minutes of the 65th General Body (GB) Meeting

Held at the Auditorium, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar, Haryana-125001

On November 16, 2024, at 04:30 PM

1. The 65th General Body (GB) meeting of the Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI) was held on November 16, 2024, at 04:30 PM in the Auditorium of Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar. The list of members present at the meeting is appended as *Annexure-1*.
2. General Secretary, Prof. Namita Singh, warmly welcomed all the members present at the GB meeting and initiated the proceedings with the permission of the Chair, Prof. Sunil K. Khare, President of AMI, and Prof. R.C. Kuhad, Chairman, AMSC. The General Secretary provided an overview of the major developments in AMI since the last GB meeting held at Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 06:00 PM.
3. Prof. Namita Singh presented the Annual Report of AMI along with the proceedings of the Central Council (CC) meetings held during the year 2023–2024. These documents had been circulated to the members attending the GB meeting.
4. The General Secretary further briefed the GB about the progress and activities of the Association over the past year. She reported that many new members had enrolled with the Association, raising the total number of life members to 5603. The Association successfully filed its Income Tax Return for the assessment year 2023–2024, and its annual accounts were duly audited by the auditors appointed by the GB.
5. The General Secretary informed the GB that, as of the date of the meeting, only three AMI Units had submitted their annual activity reports. She expressed concern over the irregularity of several units in submitting their activity reports and office bearer details, which is mandatory. The GB took serious note of this issue and directed the General Secretary to send official letters/emails to the defaulting units, informing them that they may be derecognized if they continue to remain inactive and fail to submit the required documents in a timely manner.
The General Secretary also informed the GB that appreciation awards (certificates and mementos) were being given to all AMI Units that submitted their reports on time. To further motivate units, the AMI CC had approved the reimbursement of the travel allowance (TA) for one official from the 1st prize-winning unit to attend the current year's AMI Conference. The GB appreciated and approved this initiative.
It was further resolved that in the future, the 1st prize-winning AMI Unit would continue to receive TA for one official, as per AMI rules, to attend the award function during GB meetings—subject to the availability of funds and prior intimation to the General Secretary.
6. The General Secretary reported that a total of **70 activities** were organized by various AMI Units during the year, based on the data available with the GS office.
7. As per the listed agenda, the General Secretary announced the AMI Awards for the year 2024. The names of the recipients of the following AMI awards were presented and approved by the General Body, based on the recommendations of the Central Council (CC). The list of awardees for the year 2024 is as follows:

Awards		Total no of Applications Received	Awardee	Address
Young Scientist Award				
1.	Agricultural Microbiology	03	Dr. Gaurav Raturi	Postdoctoral Research Associate, Institute of Genomics for Crop Abiotic Stress Tolerance at Texas Tech University, USA.
2.	Environmental Microbiology	01	Dr. Nirjara Singhvi	Dev Bhoomi Uttarakhand University, Dehradun, India
3.	Industrial Microbiology	01	Sandeep Kumar Singh	Senior Research Fellow Division of Microbiology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi-110012 Address: Lab No. 10, Division of Microbiology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi-110012 Email ID: sandeepksingh015@gmail.com, Mobile: +91-9450533303
4.	Dairy and Food Microbiology	03	Dr Somenath Das	Assistant Professor Department of Botany, Burdwan Raj College, Purba Bardhaman
5.	Medical & Veterinary Microbiology	00	-	-
6.	Molecular Microbiology and Biotechnology	00	-	-
AMI - Prof. B. N. Johri Award, 2024				
	AMI - Prof. B. N. Johri Award	00		Deferred for next year as no application received
AMI- Louis Pasture Award				
1.	AMI- Louis Pasture Award	03	Dr Mahesh Dhar	Vice-President (Research) Sunny Corporation Pvt. Ltd.
2.			Dr Namita Singh	GS, AMI, GJUST, Hisar, Haryana
AMI-Prof. G.S. Rangaswamy Award				
1.	AMI-Prof. G.S. Rangaswamy Award	03	Dr Livleen Shukla	Room No. 10; Principal Scientist, Division of Microbiology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi-110012
AMI- Soshil Kumar Jain Panacea Biotech Award				
1.	AMI- Soshil Kumar Jain Panacea Biotech Award	02	Dr Narottam Acharya	Scientist-F, Institute of Life Sciences, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
			Dr Goutam Ghosh	Director, Vaxfarm Life Sciences goutamghosh1809@gmail.com
Dr Harshit Jain, Joint MD, Grandson of Dr Soshil Kumar Jain of Panacea Biotec felicitate our very first award distributed in the honour of Dr Soshil Kumar Jain				
AMI- S R Vyas Memorial Award 2024				
1.	AMI- S R Vyas Memorial Award	02	Dr Prakasham Reddy Shetty	Emeritus Scientist CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad, India

AMI-Lifetime Achievement Award				
1.	AMI-Lifetime Achievement Award 2024	03	Dr. (Mrs.) Praveen Rishi, FABMS, FAMSc	Professor (Retd.), Department of Microbiology Former Dean (Faculty of Science), Panjab University, Chandigarh
2.			Prof. Kamla Chaudhary	Prof. Retd. Department of Biotechnology and Molecular Biology; CCS Haryana Agricultural University Hisar, India Prof. Emeritus Department of Microbiology, Maharshi Dayanand University Rohtak, India
3.			Prof. Narsi Ram Bishnoi	Prof. (Retd.) Vice Chancellor Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar Haryana-125001
AMI Best Unit Award: (On the basis of Evaluation following were awarded)				
1.	Best Unit Award 1 st Prize	03	AMI Hisar Unit	Hisar
2.	Best Unit Award 2 nd Prize		AMI Bangalore Unit	Bangalore
3.	Best Unit Award 3 rd Prize		AMI Lovely Professional Unit	Jalandhar, Punjab
AMSc Fellow Award 2024				
1.	AMSc Fellow Award 2024	13	Prof. Sarman Singh	Director (Medical Research and Institutional Collaborations, AVMC, Pondicherry, Former Director, AIIMS. Bhopal
2.			Dr Sunil Pabbi	Retd. Principal Scientist and Former Head & Professor, Division of Microbiology; ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi President, The Association of Microbiologists Of India (Ami) Regd.
Student Travel Award				
The CC authorized the AMI General Secretary to scrutinize and grant student travel grants to attend the AMI Conference as per AMI Rules and Regulations after the conference following candidates selected for the Travel award				
S.No.	Name & Address			TA Amount
01.	Mr. Vasanth Kumar U Department of Agricultural Microbiology, TNAU, Coimbatore			₹ 2,290/-
02.	Mr. Sriram L Department of Agricultural Microbiology, TNAU, Coimbatore			₹ 2,495/-
03.	Ms. Vinuthana V.H Department of Agricultural Microbiology, TNAU, Coimbatore			₹ 2,495/-
04.	Mr. Vaibhav Bharat Rokade Dairy Microbiology Division, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal			₹ 380/-
05.	Mr. Santhoshkumar S Department of Agricultural Microbiology, TNAU, Coimbatore			₹ 2,495/-
06.	Ms. Oviya Govindaraj Department of Agricultural Microbiology, TNAU, Coimbatore			₹ 2,290/-
07.	Ms. A Devi Priya Department of Agricultural Microbiology, TNAU, Coimbatore			₹ 2,495/-
08.	Ms. Saloni Taparia Division of Microbiology, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru			₹ 5,176/-

09.	Mr. Sinchan HG Division of Microbiology, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru	₹ 5,176/-
10.	Mr. Prathmesh G.N. PAU, Ludhiana	₹ 410/-
	TOTAL	25,702/-

AMI and AMSc also congratulated and felicitated our esteemed members who have been featured in the prestigious **Top 2% Scientists list**, namely: Prof. R.C. Kuhad, Prof. Sarman Singh, Prof. Narsi Ram Bishnoi, Dr. Navnidhi Chhikara, Dr. Anil Kumar Pangal, Dr. Dilfuza, Dr. Sinosh, Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Dr. K.K. Sharma, Dr. J.P. Yadav, Prof. Neeraj Dilbaghi, and any other members who may not have been mentioned here.

GS-AMI request all **AMI Unit office bearers** to kindly ensure that their annual reports are submitted **well in time**.

AMI- Dr. J. V. Bhat Award for Best Paper Research/Review Published in INJM:

Research

Thongruck, K. and Maneerat, S., 2023. Enhanced production of gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) from *Lactobacillus futsaii* CS3 using agri-food industries by-products under batch and fed-batch fermentation. *Indian Journal of Microbiology*, 63(4), pp.467-482.

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Review

Thottarath Prasanthan, A., Damodaran, A., Kumar, N.S. and Viswanad, V., 2023. Deducing the interplay between gut flora and respiratory diseases: a new therapeutic strategy? *Indian Journal of Microbiology*, 63(1), pp.1-17.

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E. AMI-Dr. Rana Memorial Best Poster Award (Annual)

AMI-Dr. Rana Memorial Best Poster Award (Annual) in **64th AMI Conference**

Dr. Ashajyothi Mushineni, Scientist (Plant Pathology), ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh-284 003

AMI-Dr. Rana Memorial Best Poster Award (Annual) in **65th AMI Conference**

Ms. Renuka Sharma, Department of Biotechnology, GJUST, Hisar Haryana

F. AMI-Dr Manvika Sehgal Memorial Poster Award in the field of Agriculture and Soil Sciences

Mr. Lucky Duhan, Department of Biochemistry, MDU Rohtak

The General Secretary's report was subsequently proposed for approval by Prof. Prince Sharma and Seconded by Dr Prof. V.K. Chaudhary. The GB has approved the same.

8. **President-Elect 2025:** Prof. Anil Kumar Poonia, Director, Camel Research Institute, Bikaner, was elected unopposed as President-Elect 2025.
9. **Central Council Meetings:** A total of five Central Council (CC) meetings were held during 2023–24 in both online and offline modes.
10. **AMI–Springer MoU Renewal:** The AMI–Springer MoU for publishing the Indian Journal of Microbiology (INJM) has been renewed for another three years, from January 2025 to December 2028.
11. **Springer–AMI Awards:** Springer will provide INR 80,000 annually as sponsorship for travel grants or awards for the best papers/posters presented at AMI’s Annual Conference.
12. **Academic Contributions of AMI -AMSc:** The following academic initiatives were approved by GB:
 - Development of UG and PG curricula with subject benchmarking.
 - Launch of a program to highlight India’s contributions to microbiological science, with a focus on sustainability in health, food, and the environment.
 - Organization of a national colloquium on microbiology research and education.
 - GS proposed one book series on microbiology was supported; the GB appreciates the initiative by the GS and approved the book proposal for deeper academic contribution.
 - **Amrit Mahotsav Contribution:** AMI and AMSc will develop a document showcasing India’s achievements in microbiology over the last 75 years, with a vision for the next 25 years
13. **Inactive CC Members:** Any officiating CC member who fails to attend two consecutive meetings without valid reason and does not contribute to AMI’s progress shall be replaced by more active members.
14. **Financial Assistance to AMI Units:** A roadmap will be prepared by the Chairman, AMSc, for popularizing microbiology among schools and colleges. GS is authorized to issue notifications regarding financial assistance for 2023–24.
15. **Copyright Registration:** The GB approved the proposal to apply for copyright on the revised AMI Rules and Regulations and directory, following the request from GS.
16. **Book Approval:** The book titled “*Unriddle Plant Microbiome Interaction for Climate-Resilient Sustainable Agriculture*” submitted by Dr. Umesh Pankaj, TRA Microbiology, Rani Lakshmi bai Central University, Jhansi, was approved for publication under the aegis of AMI- AMSC
17. **Sister Journal of INJM:** Approval was granted for launching a sister journal to INJM.
18. **Microbiology Handbooks for Public Awareness:** The GB approved the proposal to publish microbiology handbooks on general topics to create public awareness. These will be uploaded to the AMI website with ISBN numbers.
19. **Establishment of New AMI Unit:** The proposal for establishing the 45th AMI Unit by North Eastern Hill University was approved. It will be known as the AMI Dehradun Unit.
20. **Certificates Sponsored by Springer:** GS informed that Springer has sponsored 24 certificates and vouchers for the current year 65th AMI Annual Conference for Poster and Oral presentations.
21. GB approve the proposal for the organizing School conclave integral part of the future Annual conferences of AMI after the successful conduct of the 65th annual AMI international conference at GJUST, Hisar.
22. **Treasurer’s Statement:**
 - Total Funds with AMI (including FDs) as on 13.11.2024: ₹3,54,30,787.23
 - Fixed Deposit in PNB, Delhi (as on 13.11.2024): ₹94,74,076.00
 - Annual Membership Applications (Apr–Nov 2024): 23
 - Life Membership Applications (Jan–Nov 2024): 112
 - Total Life Members: 5,603
 - Royalty from INJM (2023–24) from Springer: ₹34,75,817.00
 - The need for a permanent AMI office in Delhi was discussed, particularly to obtain a GST number.

23. **Report from EIC, INJM** The EIC presented the editorial report and informed the CC that journal articles are on time

- All INJM issues for the past 15 years have been published on time.
- Articles are published online within 7–10 days post-acceptance.
- In 2023, over 1000 articles were processed; there is no backlog.
- Impact Factor (2023): 2.3 | 5-Year IF: 2.8
- In 2023, 121 articles were published; downloads: 165,042
- INJM has 6,500 subscribers; total royalty earned by AMI: ₹34,75,817.00
- GS encouraged all CC members to request article submissions from international colleagues for wider global outreach.
- GS proposed that all CC members should send the request to their international contacts to invite the articles for INJM from different continents.

24. In conclusion, Prof. Namita Singh, General Secretary, AMI, expressed her sincere thanks to **Prof. Sunil K. Khare**, President, AMI; **Prof. R.C. Kuhad**, Chairman, AMSc; all **Central Council members**, and the **Editors-in-Chief** for their positive contributions toward the development of AMI and AMSc activities.

25. Prof. R.C. Kuhad, in his concluding remarks, appreciated the significant discussions held on all agenda items during the General Body Meeting. He also commended the well-structured and scientifically sound **65th AMI Annual International Conference and School Conclave 2024**, congratulating the organizers for the successful conduct of AMI 2024.

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Dated: 12/06/2025

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